

# **1<sup>st</sup> part of the last days chronology is the “Beginning of Sorrows” (Vs 5-8)**

## **Intro**

1. Let's lay out general timeline of the end days
2. What is the tribulation? Set of events designed to be both God's judgement on the wicked people of earth AND His means of preparing Israel to accept Jesus as Messiah upon His return!
3. This is NOT the 7-year tribulation...these are the conditions leading up to the 7-year tribulation

## **Read Vs 5-6**

1. Before Jesus actually comes back, many other people will say they are Him
  - a. Ex: AJ Miller from Australia, & a Brazilian
  - b. They do this to tear you away to their lifestyle and teaching. (Read II Pet 2:1-3)
2. There IS a period of time involved here.
  - a. Don't latch onto a false teacher, just b/c you're ready to “get this show on the road”.
  - b. Christ is coming again, but don't fall for the fake counterfeits in the meantime.

## Read Vs 7-8

1. 7 signs given are the “Beginning of Sorrows”
  - a. Sorrows = birth pangs or pains of a pregnant women
  - b. The meaning is that they will grow in intensity and frequency
2. Discuss thru the 7 signs or birth pangs?
  - a. Nation = empires, Kingdom = ethnic groups
  - b. Show chart of 6.0 earthquakes rising
3. Don't mistake troubles and birth pangs for the 7-year tribulation
  - a. Tribulation cannot start until the church is raptured out of here to heaven (wait til vs 28)
  - b. Tribulation cannot start until the Anti-Christ is revealed & strengthens a 7-yr treaty w/ the nation of Israel
  - c. We'll always experience troubles & the birth pangs of this world until we (church) are raptured out of here to our wedding w/ Jesus